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Two students return safe after abduction

By KARA BENKEN
NEWS EDITOR

An innocent trip to a local coffee house turned into an abduction of two Xavier students in the Over-the-Rhine area last week.

Last Monday night, at approximately 11:30 p.m., two sophomore women were walking out of Kaldi's coffeehouse on Main Street toward their car, which was parked on Main Street.

Upon reaching the car and unlocking the doors, both students found one person behind them ordering them into the back seat, and another armed with a knife held at the woman's throat.

The driver, a 23 year-old black male, drove the student's Buick around Cincinnati while the other assailant emptied the women's purses and demanded all of their money and jewelry.

This woman was later determined to be an 18 year-old African-American. She held the knife to the students while all three were in the back seat.

After the suspects collected the valuables, the two students, who

requested to remain anonymous, were told to put their heads down while the couple drove to their house.

"We just talked quietly to each other and tried to console one another the entire time," said one of the students.

While at the house, a juvenile who apparently knew the couple, approached the car and, after a short discussion, got into the passenger seat of the vehicle. The driver proceeded to get onto I-75 North and then onto I-74 West toward Indianapolis.

The assailants seemed concerned for their victims' well-being despite having kidnapped them.

"The man would alternate from demanding if we were scared yet, to asking if we were hungry or anything. Finally we told him we needed to use the restroom," said the student.

The driver proceeded to pull off the highway at Exit 164 and into an unlit gas station where the students were privately accompanied by the assailants to the restroom.

Upon returning to the car, one of the women found an Indiana state police officer doing a routine check of the area.

She was able to mouth the word "help" to the officer as he was speaking to the men in the front seat. The officer, in turn, was able to detain the assailants and get both of the students out of the car.

Neither of the assailants were licensed drivers, and as the students were, the officer asked both of them for their licences, which were suspiciously lying on the floor of the backseat, as an excuse to get them away from the vehicle. He then waited for other state and county officers to arrive to assist in the arrest.

The two subjects are charged with aggravated robbery, abduction, and kidnapping. "I have never been happier to see anyone in my life," said the student.

Because the couple took the students over state lines, they committed a federal offense and now face charges in both Ohio and Indiana.

"It was a fairly random act. We weren't dressed in a particular way, we parked very close to the restaurant, and we weren't driving a

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Steve Dixon.

Photo courtesy Xavier Sports Information

Dixon scores hole in one for golfers

By MATT MADGES
SPORTS WRITER

Xavier golfer Steve Dixon literally demolished a hole last weekend in the process of winning his second tournament of the year.

In the final round of the tournament Dixon played masterful golf. He carded a tournament and Xavier record 66, which included a hole-in-one on the 180 yard, 13th hole.

Head Coach Doug Steiner, an eyewitness to the event, said, "The ball flew right into the cup, it was so devastating the cup had to be repaired after the shot."

This is only the second hole-in-one in the history of the Xavier men's golf team while in competition.

This occurred while the men's team was participating in the Georgetown Hoya Invitational in Leesburg, Va.

As has been the case all season, Steve Dixon was the leading Xavier golfer. Dixon won the tournament by two shots with a score of 136, eight shots under par.

This victory for Dixon, added with his victory at the Dayton Invitational to start the season, brought him to two victories in three weeks.

His victory also tied him for the all-time Xavier record for most "Top 10" finishes in a career with

19. Dixon holds the record with David von Haefen, who played for XU from 1990-93.

The team finished in second place, only one shot back of tournament victor, James Madison University.

As was the case in the victory at the Dayton Invitational, the Muskies performed well through team consistency.

Complimenting Dixon were fellow team members Michael Reis, who tied for 11th with a 150, and Tim Donovan, who tied for 19th with a 151. Other contributors to the team were Matt Servies with a 154 and Jeff Marr with a 155.

Senior Andy Temming also played well. He shot a 150 and tied for fifth in The Gerry Kenny Sixth Man Classic, which was held as a separate part of the tournament.

"The team shows signs of greatness," remarked Steiner. "However, we must learn to be able to maintain this for an entire round or tournament."

Steiner believes that for the team to make the next step in their performances and accomplishments, "they must improve on the mental aspect of the game."

The team will have its next chance to accomplish greatness next weekend at the Northern Intercollegiate in Lansing, Mich.

'Edge' growls ferociously



File Photo

A killer Kodiak bear is the enemy of Anthony Hopkins and Alec Baldwin in the new film "The Edge" which opens this weekend. This tale of male bonding with killer members of the bear family is reviewed by Newswire film critic Dave Cappelletty on page 10.

NEWS briefs

Honors lecture

The department of classics will hold its first lecture in the Honors Café Series entitled "Comparing African Traditional Religion with Religion in the *Aeneid*." A senior lecturer in classics at the University of Zimbabwe, Jessie Anne Maritz, will address this topic on Thursday in Kelley Auditorium from 7-8 p.m. Contact Dr. Harrison at 745-1930 or Dr. Knitter at 745-2018 for details.

Current issues

The first contemporary issues forum this year will take place Monday, Sept. 29 from 3-4:45 p.m. in Schott Hall, Room 200. The topic will be neo-conservatism in religion and politics. Professors William Madges, theology, Jon Moulton, political science, and Robert Rethy, philosophy, will be leading the forum. Refreshments will be served at 2:45 p.m.

Fall Ball tickets

Tickets for Fall Ball will be on sale from Monday, Sept. 29 until the day of the dance, Friday, Oct. 3. The theme for this year's dance is "Free-falling," and it will be at Music Hall from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the SAC office in the University Center for \$7 until the day of the dance, when they will be \$10.

Ice cream

Commuter Services is sponsoring an ice cream social Thursday, Sept. 25 from 1-3 p.m. on the mall. Head to Nieporte Lounge in CBA if it's raining.

—compiled by Kara Benken



Security Notes



Thursday, Sept. 18, 3:10 p.m.

A physical plant employee reported being threatened by a non-student while working on the academic mall near Alumni Hall.

Thursday, Sept. 18, 11:45 a.m.

A student reported a set of 15-inch kicker speakers valued at \$375 had been stolen out of his car while parked in the North Lot.

Sunday, Sept. 21, 5:15 a.m.

A Xavier student was assaulted by another Xavier student while attending a house party on Cleney Avenue in Norwood. The matter is currently under investigation.

Security Note of the Week

Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:49 a.m.

The Buenger hall director reported someone had removed several of the door handles in the residence hall and then placed them in a closed washing machine in the basement.

—compiled by Amy Zywicki

Learning about life

By LISA FACTORA

NEWS WRITER

The Service Learning Semester takes the idea of studying abroad one step further.

This program is designed for students who have completed their first year of studies and may be interested in continuing their studies in Nicaragua or urban Cincinnati.

The goal of the Service Learning Semester is to have students grow, understand, and become more aware of the different cultures and lives people lead. The course is designed to combine classwork with providing services for people with greater needs.

Graduate assistant Brian Zralek participated in the first trip to Nicaragua in the spring of 1995.

"Service experience has a long-lasting impact which gives you a new perspective. It allows students to understand and get a glimpse of how individuals, corporations,

and nations influence others," said Zralek.

Those students who choose to participate in the Nicaragua program are placed in a neighborhood with several host families. These families provide breakfast and dinner, but students are encouraged to go on their own for lunch to explore and experience the culture individually.

Students take at least 12 credit hours for the semester, with courses in politics, theology, and Spanish.

Students who choose to participate in the urban Cincinnati program live in low income housing in Over-the-Rhine. Classes are taught by Xavier professors at the Peaslee Community Center.

In past years, the Nicaragua semester was the more popular option, however indications from Club Day 1997 show the Cincinnati program gaining attention.

There are several ways in which students in the programs may take advantage of the opportunities and options for service. One of the

most encouraged options is to work with the young people of the area.

Students in the programs have the chance to work with kids who may not have the opportunities other children have. They create a place of fun and creative learning for the children.

Although the thought of abandoning the luxurious life in Buenger Hall may be daunting, Zralek encourages everyone to consider the possible results.

"You are making a difference in another's life, enriching your spiritual and intellectual life, experiencing another culture, learning more about life, and so much more. Service is learning. You always end up getting a world of gifts," said Zralek.

Two informational meetings about the Service Learning Semesters will be held for interested students. The first is today in the Regis Room in the University Center at 3:30 p.m. and the other is on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. in the Regis Room.

Club mentors emerge

By COLLEEN GALLAGHER

NEWS WRITER

Club Presidents and the Student Senate are joining forces to revise the old Senate-mentor program in order to improve the current lack of communication and accessibility.

James Bowling, association affairs committee chair, is currently attempting to revise the inefficient program.

"Basically we are trying to reactivate an old program that just didn't work," said Bowling.

In the new system, participation on the part of the senators would be voluntary. Each senator would be able to request the club in which he or she is interested.

Although a senator may end up mentoring more than one club, each club would receive just one mentor.

According to Bowling, these

new ideas, if implemented, would substantially change the way the program works.

In previous years, the old system required student clubs to be grouped into clusters. Five senators then would be in charge of mentoring each cluster.

According to Bowling, this did not always work, either from lack of activity on the part of the club, or lack of interest on the part of the senators assigned to a particular group of clubs.

Circle K president Teresa Fellingner says that in previous years the relationship between her club and the Senate was never very personal.

According to Fellingner, university and Senate policies regarding clubs have never been made clear.

She admits that it would be nice to get more individualized attention from Senate, but anticipates little actual impact on the organiza-

tion of the club since it still has to follow its own by-laws.

Bowling anticipates that the new system will allow club presidents to get to know their mentors, therefore enabling them to feel more comfortable asking for advice or clarification on certain Senate policies.

With the new system, the Senate hopes to establish a better working relationship as well as foster a greater understanding between clubs and Student Government Association.

Student government president Dave Coyle held a dinner for club presidents and their advisers in the Terrace Room on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in order to familiarize them with some new Senate policies. They were not, however, told of the plans for the new mentoring program as it is still provisional.

SGA offers incentives

By LEAH MONTGOMERY

NEWS WRITER

Community service is no longer mandatory for Xavier clubs and organizations.

Student Government Association has started a program to encourage community service within the clubs, but not require it.

The incentive of the program is that each month the two non-service based clubs or organizations and one service based club or organization with the highest average hours of service per member will be rewarded \$100.

This money will be applied

to each club or organization's account.

In addition, the club or organization with the highest combined monthly average of service hours per member will receive an additional \$300 for the following year's budget allocation.

In a written explanation of the community service initiative, SGA states that this program is not meant to pay clubs and organizations to participate in service work, but rather, to reward outstanding contributions to the community each month.

"With this program we hope to encourage students to get involved

in improving the community around us," said Senator Sam Miller.

SGA will also set aside \$900 to inform students of service opportunities and programs that will raise understanding, enthusiasm, and activity in the form of speakers, movies, monthly forums, rallies, and promotion.

SGA has also allocated \$2,000 of reserved funds for clubs and organizations to organize, promote, and enable community service projects.

These funds will be made available to the clubs and organizations upon the approval of SGA.

Nursing program earns reaccreditation

By AMY ZYWICKI
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The leading accrediting body for nursing programs in the nation has recognized Xavier's nursing program as one of the best in the nation. The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission announced in August the Xavier nursing programs' reaccreditation as well as the approval of the programs' community based project.

"Our program here at Xavier, is innovative and visionary in its very design," said Dr. Susan Schmidt the chair of the nursing department.

"At one time nurses use to have separate roles from other health care providers, but now there is a huge overlap on the type of services and how they are delivered.

"Nursing education has moved from being concentrated on a hospital based approach to a community based approach."

The whole notion of a community based program was developed 20 years ago by founder Ida Casey, long before any attempts to implement this program were made by the health care system.

Casey developed this visionary program for registered nurses who were seeking a bachelors degree in nursing from Xavier.

The nursing program was accredited for the first time in 1980 and is required to apply for reaccreditation every eight years.

This is the first year Casey's community based concept has been included in the program.

"This is truly an outstanding honor," said Schmidt. "This



Dr. Schmidt oversees the work of a student in the newly reaccredited nursing program.

reaccreditation allows our students to enter into higher levels of education such as master programs and doctor programs.

According to Schmidt, Xavier's nursing program develops students skills not only in communication, but also their ability to monitor and access the necessary technology.

Schmidt attributes our award winning nursing program with the eclectic nature of our faculty.

"They bring into the classroom a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise on various issues regarding health care."

Schmidt also contributes the nursing department's strength to Xavier's core curriculum which places a strong emphasis on theology and philosophy.

According to Schmidt, this

ethical framework will help to assist students in dealing with life and death issues in their future.

"Here at Xavier, we prepare nurses to practice today and be leaders for tomorrow," said Schmidt.

On Nov. 6, the director of care management and quality improvement for Aurora health care in Milwaukee, Maria Schifalacque, will be giving a lecture in the Terrace Room of the University Center from 5-6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in attending should RSVP by calling 745-3814.

Anyone desiring more information pertaining to the nursing program should contact Marilyn Gomez, the coordinator of nursing student services, at 745-4392.

Shuttled streets

The Shuttle Service recently announced this year's expanded and defined route. Drivers will only take students along the following roads:

Asmann	Lenox
Avondale Ave	Lexington Ave (Norwood)
Barry Ln	Lindley Ave
Brewster (1600-1626)	Marion Ave
Brooks Ave (4143 & below)	Mentor Ave
Clarion	Newton Ave
Cleneay Ave (1700-2241)	North Crescent (770 & above)
Clinton Springs (800 & above)	Potter Pl
Crosley Ave	Prentiss St
Dakota Ave	Redway Ave
Dana Ave (1799 & below)	Regent Ave
Deleware Ave	Spencer Ave
Elsmere Ave (3999 & below)	Valley Ln
Floral Ave (2212-4023)	Victory Pkwy (3800-4201)
Glen Lyon Ave	Waverly Ave
Glenwood Pl	Wayland Ave
Hazel Ave	Webster Ave
Herald Ave	Williams Ave (2234 & below)
Hopkins Ave	Winding Way
Hudson Ave (2299 & below)	Wood Ave
Huston Ave	Woodburn (3470-3650)
Idlewild Ave	
Ivanhoe Ave (4199 & below)	
Krug Cir	
Ledgewood Ave	

Kidnapped

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nice car. We have no idea why we were the targets of their acts, and I can't think of anything we did that was stupid, so we can't change anything," said the student.

"I think we handled it very well. We didn't start crying or get hysterical or anything, and I think that helped us a lot," the student said.

One of the victims will continue to work in Over-the-Rhine, despite the crime.

"I shouldn't have to feel so vulnerable, but I want someone to be with me from now on. The thing is, self-defense or pepper spray probably wouldn't have helped because they had a knife at my friend's throat on the other side of the car. Of course I'm going to do what they want," said the student.

"I guess if it doesn't kill you, it makes you stronger."

Criminal charges have been filed against the suspects and proceedings for the trial have begun.

An Equal Opportunity To Become An Assistant Director In Motion Pictures

Applications for the motion picture and television industry's Assistant Directors Training Program are available now and will be accepted until the filing deadline of November 14, 1997.

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For program information, eligibility requirements, and application form write to The Directors Guild - Producer Training Plan.

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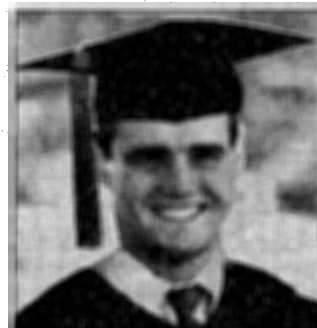
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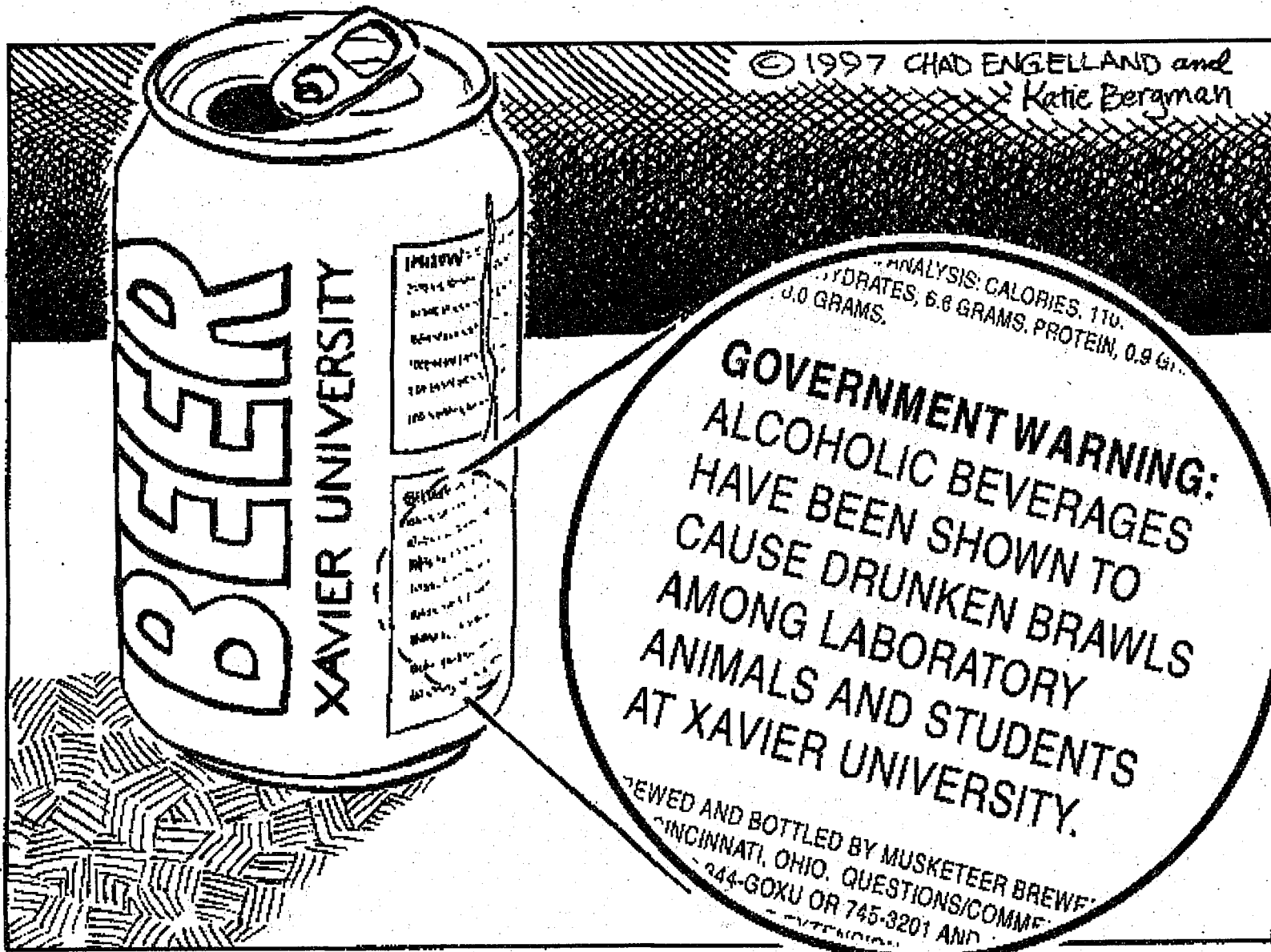
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Standing up against apathy

By JEFF DAVIS

OP-ED EDITOR

During the past four years I have written over 150 articles for *The Xavier Newswire*, a lot of them being opinion pieces.

I'd say 80 percent of the columns I have written have been harmless, little humor pieces that people, hopefully, snicker over and then turn the page and go on with their reading.

However, on certain occasions, I feel like getting a reaction out of what I write — just to check for a pulse from the reader.

In most cases, to get a reaction from readers, a controversial statement is needed.

I can write about pressing issues on campus, or a concern regarding a social problem and not get one phone call or letter from either side of a particular debate.

But when I do something like call a transvestite a fairy, I am inundated with letters and phone calls.

I can't understand why people could care less about how their money is being spent by the Student Government Association, or how they are being affected by the national political scene, but go out of their way to respond to something so trivial as the previous statement, or the like.

But at least the people that respond to statements like that are voicing their dislike of the editorial remark.

That's a lot more than I can say for many of our readers in the Xavier community.

Apathy is probably to blame.

Ever since I arrived at Xavier, I have noticed that most of the students just don't care about what is going on in the world and on campus.

As long as they pass their classes and have enough beer for the weekend, they're

satisfied.

I really noticed this my junior year, when I was on the Student Senate. We were responsible for the distribution of over 100 thousand dollars to student groups and had a pretty lucrative operating budget ourselves — definitely more than we needed. But nobody cared about what we did. Nobody at

"I have noticed that most of the students just don't care about what is going on in the world and on campus. As long as they pass their classes and have enough beer for the weekend, they're satisfied."

Xavier really knew what senate was about. They still don't.

This trend can be seen beyond the *Xavier Newswire* and SGA. Next time you're at lunch with a bunch of friends, bring up the subject of the budget compromise between the Republicans and Democrats and see how many people look at you strange.

Sure, SGA, the federal budget, health care epidemics, and other topics aren't the issues you discuss at a college party, but they do merit your attention.

They actually affect you — whether you believe it or not. And it is my job and the other columnists at the *Newswire* and other media outlets, to bring those issues to the forefront of conversation.

Sometimes, when we write articles that don't revolve around a serious topic, please read it and go on. But there's always at least one opinion piece that is serious in nature. If you don't find one in Op-Ed, turn back to News, the entire section revolves around the XU community.

If you find something you like or dislike, let us know. It's OK to write and tell us that you think one of our columns was the equivalent of horse manure — but please be nice about it.

And heaven forbid you find something you like in the *Newswire*. We won't hunt you down and beat you if you let us know about that. Writers are human. We like compliments too.

As the year progresses, events will occur, nose-flaring debates will come to life, and, as usual, controversy will be a part of our lives — and we'll all have something to say about what goes on.

A lesser known philosopher once said that opinions are like a certain part of our body. We all have them and they all stink.

That could be true, but we here at the *Newswire* welcome your opinion, whether it stinks or not. God knows there's a lot of people out there who would like to take a stick of Old Spice to several of my columns.

From now on, when something happens on campus, or in the outside world, think about how it affects you and do something about it — whether it be positive or negative.

Take a look at the letters to the editor on the next page. These people had something to say and had the courage to voice their opinion. Could you do the same? Or will your only concerns in this world be your saved Sega game, or what's going on in "Days of Our Lives."

You decide. But the people who are going to go anywhere in life are the ones who step up and stand for what they believe in.

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LETTERS

XU community suffers loss

The Xavier Community lost a member of its family on Monday, Sept. 15. Carol Darnell, secretary for the department of nursing, lost her year-long battle with cancer.

I have never met anyone like Carol. She always had a smile on her face. In all the time I have known her, I never saw her in a "down" mood. She made students feel welcome in our department and always had time to listen to a problem or concern. She was like that with everyone with whom she came in contact.

Throughout this past year, she never complained about her illness, nor about the radiation and chemotherapy she received. She never gave up her faith in God; she was totally prepared for whatever was in store for her.

Carol is a true inspiration for all of us in how we treat each other and in how we approach day-to-day living. Even if you didn't know her, I ask you to pray for her husband, Tom, her children, her family, friends, and co-workers. Carol will be missed more than words can express.

God has another angel in heaven.

Marilyn Gomez
Department of Nursing

Party violence affects others

Two weeks ago my grandpa bought me a car. It wasn't too expensive. I have driven a beat up Toyota for years, and it was just about to give out on me. My grandpa took pity on me and bought me this car with the understanding that I would pay him back when I could.

I was so proud of the "new" used car. Never in my life had I something of my own that looked so nice, something that people noticed. I have almost a sense of guilt when I am behind the wheel—as if I don't deserve something nice—I can't afford something nice.

Then I went to an out-of-town wedding. I worked 40 plus hours a week from the time school started, trying to save money for expenses and time off. I had a wonderful weekend.

I left my car keys with my roommates, just in case they might need to move my car.

I came home. My car was moved. Being very protective of my car, I was quite concerned. I took a closer look at my car and noticed the scratches ... the dents ... the broken convertible top.

I tried desperately not to cry. As calmly as I could, I darted into the house to find out what had happened.

What I heard amazed me, made me absolutely furious, and made me cry until my head ached. It wasn't my roommates who had done this to me, it was neighbors. They had a party of enormous propor-

tions while I was away; a party many Xavier students attended.

During the course of the party, one of my neighbors, his brother, and who knows who else, beat the living crap out of another Xavier student.

This altercation ended up in our yard, on our front porch and on my car. The reason my roommates moved my car was to wash it for me. They didn't want the blood all over it to eat my paint. They didn't want me to come home to see the mess. There was blood all over our white stone porch that had to be bleached out. Blood splattered on other cars and throughout the grass. Two blood-soaked shirts were torn and lying in our front yard. It looked like someone had been killed.

I knew what I was getting into when I moved off campus. I just never expected something like this from my fellow classmates. These were Xavier students.

I called my dad, and through tears of anger and frustration I tried to explain to him what had happened. He was upset—his little girl was upset. When he realized these events involved Xavier students, the shock in his voice was audible.

This type of violence came from Xavier.

Who are the type of people capable of such barbarism? Never could I have imagined that they were Xavier students ... to beat each other so severely, so ruthlessly.

Xavier faculty, staff and students, if you do not speak out against this, if you leave this matter solely in the hands of the City of Cincinnati, you do all of Xavier a disservice. If you do or say nothing, then you support these actions.

By remaining inactive and ambivalent, you turn your back on all that separates us from a public institution. You turn your back on a tradition of morals and values upon which Xavier is founded.

Angela Higgins
senior

Misconceptions concerning party violence

The Japanese philosopher Shunryu Suzuki once asked, "When a cart does not go, who do you whip, the cart or the horse?"

That's quite an interesting and thought-provoking question which deals with the issues of blame and responsibility. These issues of late have been at the forefront of discussion at Xavier, and particularly the *Newswire*.

If a partial truth is an untruth, then the *Newswire* is most certainly guilty of just that, or at a bare minimum, unintentional misinformation. It is their duty to gather facts and report them as accurately as possible, which defines the border between legitimate journalism and tabloid or amateur sensationalism.

How do I know? I was at 776 Crescent Avenue on the night of Saturday, Sept. 13. I helped with

STAFF EDITORIAL

Walking is solution to parking problems

It seems parking will forever be an issue on our campus. People are always complaining about and trying to offer suggestions on how the situation can be improved.

Now, certainly there isn't a full scale crisis yet, but when full-fledged construction on the Convocation Center begins, the on-campus lots will become even more jammed than they are.

We're already parking behind Cohen Center and hugging the road leading up to it.

Maybe when the North Lot is closed, we can parallel park on the residential mall.

One of the scenarios that always seems to be discussed is preventing freshmen from bringing their cars to Xavier during their first year.

This idea doesn't seem fair to the freshmen involved. Why force freshmen to rely solely on public transportation and on their feet for a year? They live on-campus and should have the same rights as any other on-campus student.

Obviously, the many commuter students that make the trek to campus from all reaches of the Tri-State area need the other spaces.

In addition, I don't think faculty and staff would be too open to a carpooling solution.

There is one situation that seems to make the most sense, but will take a little bit of sacrifice from a good portion of Xavier's population.

There are many students that live close to campus who purchase commuter parking passes to park in the on-campus lots, even though their residences are clearly within walking or biking distance.

If these students would be willing to take a few extra minutes to walk or bike to school every day, the parking lot jam would loosen a little bit.

The simple fact is, sooner or later, there will have to be a decision on who will be able to park in the limited number of spaces Xavier offers for its students.

These specific off-campus residents already have a place to park their cars: On the street in front of their house, or on their driveway.

In a perfect world, everyone can have a parking spot.

At Xavier, we're lucky enough that the university provides as many spaces as they do.

In the near future, some of us will have to sacrifice, but let's try to make it as fair as possible.

-T.P.D.

the party, and I am close friends with several of the residents at the house in question and was present to witness the entire evening's events.

First, the fight did not occur at 776 Crescent, it occurred two houses south. Secondly, the "broken windows," or shall I say "smoking gun," photograph you published on the front page is not even at 776 Crescent, but next door.

Third, no alcohol was sold at the party. A cover charge for the live band was taken at the door. Fourth, affixed to the front door and no less than five other locations throughout the house, signs reading "If you are not 21 years of age you may not drink" were visibly displayed.

And finally, every attempt was made (including a pre-party discussion with police officers) to maintain an orderly, fun, environment that would satisfy both neighbors, fellow students, and the Cincinnati

police department.

A fight occurs at a party. A student sustains injury. And someone must answer for it. Right? If only it were that simple.

Through thinking which defies logic, authorities and a great many students are gravitating more and more towards holding houses which host parties accountable for an unruly individual's behavior, since the party is the "impetus" for aggressive action.

This is so absurd that it is on par with suing the Department of Transportation when you wrap your car around a bridge support while driving drunk! I mean, after all, they provided you with the road you crashed on! Once again I reiterate the fact that the altercation did not even take place on the premises.

So what's the problem? Is it parties? No, it's individuals—individuals who have an uncontrollable desire to flex their beer-enhanced

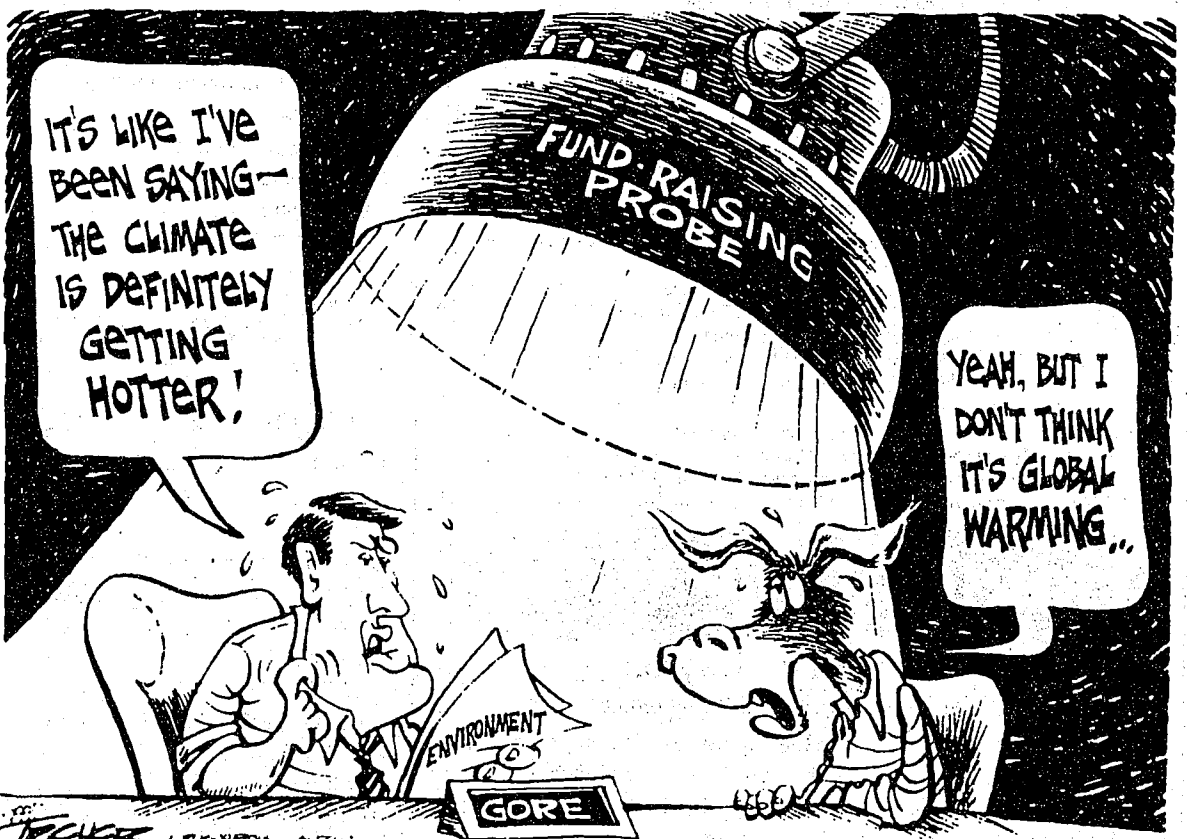
prowess. And what is the single biggest problem about these individuals and their attitudes?

Whether they are at a Xavier party, a bar, a restaurant, U.C., or spring break, they will always maintain their same obnoxious destructive attitudes. Bad students will always be bad, regardless!

Tell me, who in their right minds would throw a party with the hopes of all there guests starting a minor riot? The last time I checked, organizing a party was synonymous with "fun."

Sixth grade was a long time ago, so let's all grow up and stop blaming the cart when the horse won't go. Parties can be great fun—an ideal opportunity to relax, socialize, and enjoy the college experience.

Brian C. Hartman
junior



SPORTS *briefs*

Harriers run with Irish

Xavier's cross country teams competed in the National Catholic Invitational last weekend in South Bend, Ind. The race was held on the University of Notre Dame's golf course.

The men's team finished 19th with a score of 507 on the eight kilometer course. The top finisher for Xavier was junior Joe Burzynski with a time of 27:15, putting him in 54th place. Freshman Randy Dublikar finished with a time of 28:12, and junior Chris German finished close behind with a time of 28:25.

The invite was dominated by Notre Dame, who won comfortably with a score of 16. The Irish were lead by freshman Ryan Shay, who finished first with a time of 24:50.

The Xavier women finished 24th with a final team score of 644 in the 5 kilometer race. Freshman Blanche Fisher came in as the top competitor for the Musketeers with a time of 20:34. Sophomores Laura Bowards and Jan Peicrtnr finished slightly behind with times of 20:51 and 21:23.

Notre Dame dominated the women's side as well, compiling a score of 21, as sophomore Joanna Deeter led the Irish by winning the race with a time of 17:39.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams will compete next in the Loyala Lakefront Invitational in Chicago, Ill. on Oct. 4.

-Amjad Zahra

Greening leads XU

The Xavier women's golf team finished eighth at Bowling Green's Lady Falcon Invitational.

The Musketeers finished with a final score of 666, 82 strokes above par. Paula Greening lead the Musketeers with a 19th place finish, shooting a solid score of 164. Other notable Xavier competitors were Christy Fout, who tied for 28th with a score of 165, and Melissa Beck, who finished 36th and scored a total of 168.

The top finisher of the tournament was Ohio University's Julee Sovesky who tallied a one-under-par 145. The University of Toledo placed first in the tournament.

The women's golf team will compete next weekend in the Hilltopper-Racer Classic, in Bowling Green, Ky.

-Amjad Zahra

Tennis tryouts to be held

The Xavier men's tennis team will hold open tryouts on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 3-5 p.m. The tryouts will be held on the Xavier tennis courts adjacent to the North Parking Lot behind Kuhlman Hall. Anyone who is interested in playing this season as a walk-on is encouraged to tryout.

On Tap

- Wednesday, Sept. 24
- Men's Tennis vs. Dayton at 3:30 p.m.
 - Men's Soccer vs. Dayton at 7 p.m.
 - Volleyball vs. Dayton at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 25
- Women's Tennis at Dayton at 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 26
- Men's Soccer vs. Ohio State at 7 p.m.
 - Women's Soccer at Cincinnati at 5 p.m.
 - Volleyball at Virginia Tech at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 27
- Men's Golf at Northern Intercollegiate in East Lansing, Mich.
 - Men's Tennis at Bowling Green Invitational
 - Women's Tennis at Cincinnati
- Sunday, Sept. 28
- Women's Soccer at Dayton at 4 p.m.
 - Men's Golf at Northern Intercollegiate in East Lansing, Mich.
 - Women's Golf at Hilltopper-Racer Classic
 - Men's Tennis at Bowling Green Invitational
 - Women's Tennis at Cincinnati
- Monday, Sept. 29
- Women's Golf at Hilltopper-Racer Classic
- Tuesday, Sept. 30
- Volleyball at Cincinnati at 7 p.m.

All home games are in bold

Home soccer matches are played at Corcoran Field
Home volleyball matches are played in Schmidt Fieldhouse
Home tennis matches are played in the North Lot

Game of the Week

Volleyball vs. Dayton

7 p.m. Tonight in Schmidt Fieldhouse

The Dayton Flyers make the trip down I-75 tonight to take on Xavier in an Atlantic 10 showdown. If you like violence, come get your fill of spikes and kills as the volleyball team makes its debut at home for this, the 1997 campaign.

New Hall inductees announced

BY LAUREN MOSKO

ASST. DIVERSIONS EDITOR

The newest class of inductees for the Xavier Athletic Hall of Fame has been announced, and the three former stars cover a wide range of Xavier sports history.

Soccer player Marla Schuerman-Phillips ('92), football legend Jack Hoffman ('52), and two-sport athlete and former basketball coach Donald Ruberg ('51), will be inducted this year to bring the membership in the Hall to 67 since it opened in 1981.

Marla A. Schuerman-Phillips (married recently) was a four year letter winner in soccer. The striker started all 63 matches in her career while running up scoring totals that placed her at the summit of the Xavier scoring charts.

She currently holds two school records. The first is for shots in a match with 15 vs. St. Joseph's of Indiana in 1988. Her total of 354 career shots is also a Musketeer record.

The last two of Schuerman's records were shattered earlier this year by senior Amanda Gruber. Schuerman held the records for career goals and points with 47 and 112 respectively.

Schuerman played with Gruber and her younger sister

Annette on a club team this past summer.

Schuerman also ended her career with 18 assists, just two shy of the Xavier record.

Schuerman was selected to the All-Region team as a junior, and the All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference team as a senior. She also earned a spot on the U.S. National Reserve team.

She also shined academically, winning both the prestigious Dr. Dube award for chemistry and the Paul L. O'Connor Award that honors the top senior student-athlete. She also spent her summers working for NASA on polymers and plastics that were used to repair space shuttles.

Jack H. Hoffman's induction is a nostalgic tribute to the illustrious legacy of the late Xavier football program.

Hoffman joined the Musketeers and became a three year letter winner, and was captain of the 1950 Salad Bowl Team.

XU compiled a 27-2-1 record during his career. Hoffman helped Xavier string together a 10-game winning streak and an 11-game unbeaten streak, playing as an offensive end and defensive tackle and end.

Hoffman earned a reputation as one of the best in the college game. After XU, he spent seven

years in professional football with the Chicago Bears, but his career was cut short by a back injury.

Donald J. Ruberg, known affectionately as "Ruby", played both baseball and basketball for Xavier.

On the diamond, he was a pitcher and posted 15 wins on the mound. At other times he started in left field, and was an outstanding hitter. XU was offered its first and only NCAA postseason shot Ruby's senior year, but the school could not play due to lack of finances.

Ruberg was also a contributing member of the Xavier basketball team, using his two-hand set shot to destroy zone defenses.

He rejoined XU full-time as the freshman and assistant varsity basketball coach in 1956. In 1957, he became head baseball coach and director of intramurals.

Ruberg was an assistant to Jim McCafferty when the Musketeers brought home the National Invitational Tournament championship in 1958.

He succeeded McCafferty as head men's basketball coach in 1963. His basketball teams finished with a .505 winning percentage.

The induction ceremony will be part of Homecoming Weekend on Nov. 21, at the Hyatt Regency. A reception will take place at 7 p.m. followed by a dinner at 8 p.m. For more information call 745-3337.

Roth nets No. 1 singles title

BY MATT MADGES

SPORTS WRITER

Led by Jeff Roth's No. 1 singles title, the men's tennis team opened their season last weekend with outstanding results. The team participated in the Zips Collegiate Championships at The University of Akron.

Roth, a senior, defeated Vince Hill, from Youngstown State University, in the finals 7-6, 6-2. This was a remarkable result for Roth because he was red-shirted last season due to injury.

Also with a very impressive showing was senior Vinay Rajendran, who finished second in No. 5 singles. Rajendran lost in the finals to Brian Kunkler from the University of Akron, 6-4, 7-5.

"The impressive thing about our showing was that every participating team member won at least



Senior Jeff Roth

one match," said head coach Jim Brockoff. Making the results even more impressive was the fact that the team lost four of its members from last season.

The other contributors to the team's performance were Eric

Gaughan, Doug Klekamp, Richard Garth, Zeeshawn Siddiqui, Kyle Bates, and Brent Cullen.

"It is too early to tell, but based on our opening results, the season looks promising," said Brockoff. If the team can continue its consistency and build on the outstanding showings of Roth and Rajendran, Brockhoff thinks the season could be filled with extreme excitement and accomplishments.

The team looks to build on these results today as they take on The University of Dayton and this upcoming weekend when the team participates in The Bowling Green Invitational.

The women's tennis team opened their season Tuesday at Northern Kentucky. The results of this event were not received by deadline. This week the women's team plays at Dayton on Thursday and at The University of Cincinnati this weekend.



Conference Standings

Through Sept. 14

Women's Soccer

School	A-10	Season
Massachusetts	3-0-0	6-0-0
Duquesne	1-1-0	4-2-0
St. Bonaventure	1-1-0	5-2-0
Dayton	0-0-0	7-0-0
Xavier	0-0-0	5-1-0
St. Joseph's	0-0-0	4-1-0
La Salle	0-0-0	3-1-0
Virginia Tech	0-0-0	4-2-0
G. Washington	0-0-0	3-1-1
Fordham	0-0-0	2-3-0
Temple	0-0-0	3-5-0
Rhode Island	0-3-0	0-7-0

Men's Soccer

School	A-10	Season
Temple	0-0-1	4-1-1
St. Joseph's	0-0-1	2-4-2
Massachusetts	0-0-0	4-0-1
Virginia Tech	0-0-0	5-1-0
Duquesne	0-0-0	4-1-2
St. Bonaventure	0-0-0	4-2-0
Dayton	0-0-0	3-2-1
Fordham	0-0-0	4-3-0
La Salle	0-0-0	2-3-1
Xavier	0-0-0	2-4-1
G. Washington	0-0-0	2-5-0
Rhode Island	0-0-0	2-5-0

Volleyball

School	A-10	Season
G. Washington	2-0	10-3
Rhode Island	2-0	7-4
Temple	2-0	5-3
Massachusetts	2-0	6-5
La Salle	1-1	8-2
Virginia Tech	1-1	6-6
Duquesne	1-1	5-7
Fordham	0-2	5-5
Dayton	0-2	4-6
Xavier	0-2	2-8
St. Bonaventure	0-2	1-8

Musketeers seek success at home

MATT BARBER
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The women's volleyball team has had a proud history, a history upon which this year's squad hopes to build. Tonight is the home-opener for the Musketeers. They will be taking on intrastate and Atlantic 10 Conference rival, The University of Dayton, in the Schmidt Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Last season, Xavier finished with a 21-14 record overall, a winning campaign for the seventh straight year. XU ended up with an 11-9 record in the A-10, placing them fifth, one spot out of the conference playoffs. The winner of the A-10 tournament gets an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, so the Musketeers hope they can up their finish this year by at least one spot, giving them a chance at grabbing that bid.

Head coach Floyd Deaton returns for his eighth year at Xavier's helm. He is 159-102 lifetime at XU and has not had a losing season here yet. In the five years previous to Deaton's arrival in 1990, the Musketeers had more than 10 wins only once. During Deaton's tenure, an 18-win season is the worst Xavier has done.

The team has to overcome the loss of three seniors from last year's squad, each of them a four-year starter. XU brings back some great talent this year, in addition to three outstanding freshmen. Deaton tried to gain as much experience as he could for his young team by putting them up against the nation's best programs over the past few weeks.

Last season, Xavier opened up against teams like East Carolina and Towson State to tune up for the A-10. This season the Musketeers had to face the nationally ranked squads Michigan State and Southern

Cal, in addition to the highly competitive Duke, Illinois, LSU, and Miami (OH). During conference play, the results of this tough strategy will become apparent.

The leaders and co-captains for Xavier are the team's two returning seniors, outside hitter Amy Maitner and defensive specialist Jamie Martin. Maitner is praised by the coaching staff for her outstanding work ethic. She leads the team by example. Martin, conversely, is much more vocal in her leadership role on the team. Also, Martin has played in every match and missed only one game in her career at Xavier.

Middle blocker Jenny Janszen and outside hitter Beth Osterday, both sophomores and returning starters, will also be big contributors this season. Janszen led the team in both blocks and serving aces last season, and presently leads in blocks this season. Osterday played in more games and recorded a near school-record 462 digs last year. She is leading the team in digs again this year and in kills, a category in which she was second last season.

Junior middle blocker Gabe Cook and junior setter Cara Espelage have also been seeing more playing time this season. Cook is second on the team in blocks this year, behind Janszen. Espelage has been starting in the setter role and leads the team in that category this season after being second last year. Junior outside hitter Kristin Hamann has also been contributing to the squad this season.

Three talented freshmen have also been playing quite a bit this season. Outside hitter Gina Geraci has played in every match and all but one game this year. She has been playing extremely well, especially on defense. Tami Ores has been seeing most of her playing time at the setter position. She is

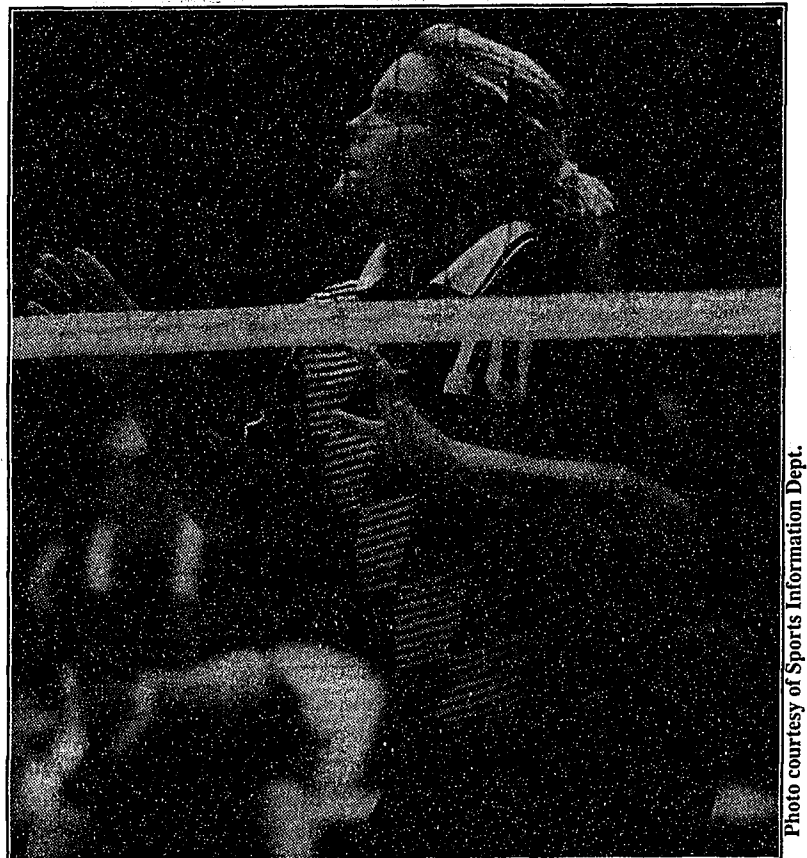
second on the team in setting, behind Espelage. Outside hitter Jill Holmstrom had been playing very well until an injury sidelined her three weeks ago. Holmstrom, when she recovers, will bring that much more to the court for the Musketeers.

The injury bug has plagued some other players, too. Cook was out for a short stretch earlier this season and junior middle hitter Jolie Camella has been out for the year to date with a foot injury, after being second on the team in blocks last season.

Xavier is looking at the conference play as the most important part of their schedule. "It's showtime," says Deaton. "[The A-10] is where we make it to the NCAA's."

XU dropped two away matches this past weekend to defending Atlantic 10 champs Rhode Island on Friday and to U Mass on Saturday.

The Musketeers are at home tonight against Dayton. Admission is free to students with an All-Card, so head out and support the volleyball team in their quest for the A-10 championship.



Senior co-captain and outside hitter Amy Maitner. Maitner leads the Musketeers in aces this season with twelve.

Photo courtesy of Sports Information Dept.

Spikers start A-10 play

The volleyball team dropped two matches this past weekend to Atlantic 10 foes Rhode Island and UMass. Xavier's record is now 2-8, 0-2 in the A-10, a start which was not expected.

The Musketeers played well against the defending A-10 champs, Rhode Island (7-4, 2-0), but still came up short in their Friday match which went four games. The URI Rams grabbed the first game 15-5, but XU battled back to take the second game 15-12. The third game went Rhode Island's way, again by a 15-5 mark. In the fourth game, the Musketeers played very well, leading at times, before finally falling to the home team URI 17-15, and losing the match three games to one.

On Saturday, Xavier traveled to UMass (6-5, 2-0) for another conference match. This match lasted four games as well, with Massachusetts prevailing 15-3, 12-15, 15-7, 15-6. Again, XU played well, but not well enough to merit the win.

Obviously, these were not the results that the Musketeers were

looking for in their first two forays into conference play this year. The team and coaches had thought themselves ready to take on the A-10's best, but something was amiss this past weekend.

"The buck stops with me," said head coach Floyd Deaton. "Athlete for athlete I thought we were comparable [to Rhode Island and UMass], but something is not working and I have to figure out how to fix that." Serving errors have been plaguing the Musketeers this season, so working on their serves became a focus for the team at practice this week. "The team has been playing hard and practicing hard," continued Deaton. "Winning is the bottom line, and all we can do is keep playing hard."

XU will be at home against Dayton tonight (see game of the week), before traveling to Virginia Tech for an Atlantic 10 match on Friday and then across town to Cincinnati for a non-conference match on Tuesday.

-by Matt Barber



Women's Soccer
Tennessee 3, Xavier 1
Sun., Sept. 21
Corcoran Field
Cincinnati, OH

Scoring: XU-Am. Gruber (An. Gruber) 60:28; UT-Michner (Markovich) 72:12; UT-Michner, 79:53; UT-Teutsch (Handel) 80:52. Shots: UT-12; XU-16. Saves: UT-Shivley, 4 (45:00) Hull, 3; XU-Kase, 7. Back Save: UT-Tipton (2); XU-Broe, Grow. Fouls: UT-17; XU-12. Conditions: 64° Cloudy and Windy. Attendance: 302.

Men's Soccer
Evansville 2, Xavier 0
Sun., Sept. 21
Black Beauty Field
Evansville, IN

Scoring: UE-Ray (Lue) 44:08; UE-Feigl, 57:19. Shots: XU-11; UE-10. Saves: XU-Wesseling, 3; UE-Browner-3 (72:59) Armstrong. Fouls: XU-13; UE-13. Cards: XU-yellow-Fultz, 19:35; XU-yellow-Crosby; XU-yellow-Kuiken, 21:00; XU-yellow-Bauer, 50:25; UE-yellow-Ray, 63:48. Conditions: 74° Sunny. Attendance: 907.

Volleyball
Rhode Island def. Xavier
15-5, 12-15, 15-5, 17-15
Fri., Sept. 19

K: XU-58 (Osterday-21); RI-59 (McHenry-19). A: XU-58 (Espelage-50); RI-52 (Salmans-49). SA: XU-6 (Maitner-2); RI-5 (McHenry-2). Blks: XU-12, RI-15. Attendance: 306. LOM: 2:00.

Massachusetts def. Xavier
15-3, 12-15, 15-7, 15-6
Sat., Sept. 20

K: XU-49 (Osterday-19); UM-64 (Hogancamp-64). A: XU-46 (Espelage-42); UM-60 (Dreinan-55). SA: XU-1 (Espelage); UM-6 (Hogancamp-3). Blks: XU-12, UM-8. Attendance: 143. LOM: 1:53.

SA: XU-2 (Maitner-2); MU-6 (Collins-3). Blks: XU-8; MU-12. Attendance: 413. LOM: 1:30.

Men's Golf
Georgetown Hoya Invitational
Sat.-Sun., Sept. 20-21

Leesburg, VA
Par 72

Team Scores: James Madison, 590; Xavier, 591; Navy, 594; Seton Hall, 598; Eastern Michigan, 601; Georgetown, 602; Lehigh, 605; St. Joseph's, 610; Princeton, 611; William & Mary, 612; George Mason, 623; Delaware, 635; Fairleigh Dickinson, 664; La Salle, 669.

Medalist: Steve Dixon, Xavier (136). Other Xavier Scorers: T11-Michael Ries, 136; T15-Tim Donovan, 151; T29-Matt Servies, 154; T37-Jeff Marr.

Sixth Man Classic

Medalist: Max Gage, Princeton (146). Xavier Finisher: T5-Andy Temming, 150

Women's Golf

Lady Falcon Invitational
Sat.-Sun., Sept. 20-21
Bowling Green, OH

Par 73

Team Scores: Toledo, 629; Tri-State, 637; Ohio, 640; Eastern Michigan, 647; Eastern Kentucky, 647; Findlay, 663; Bowling Green, 664; Xavier, 666; Grand Valley, 668; Ferris State, 671; Oakland, 672; Dayton, 685; Cincinnati, 685; Youngstown State, 697; Evansville, 768.

Medalist: Julee Sovesky, Ohio (145). Xavier Scorers: T19-Paula Greening, 164; T28-Christy Fout, 165; T36-Melissa Beck, 168; T44-Melissa Kenny, 171; T54-Tracey Brown, 173; T72-Caley Peelle, 178.

Women's Cross Country

National Catholic Meet

Fri., Sept. 19

South Bend, IN
5K

Team Scores: Notre Dame, 21; Saint Benedict, 156; Detroit, 164; Canisius, 173; Duquesne, 182; Siena Heights, 209; Loras, 220; DePaul, 226; Holy Cross, 234; Dayton, 247; Lewis, 276; Marist, 310; Aquinas, 300; Walsh, 347; Saint Louis, 355; Marian, 411; Wheeling, 469; Bellarmine, 505; Scranton, 529; John Carroll, 533; St. Bonaventure, 565; Mount Mercy, 572; Saint Ambrose, 573; Xavier, 644; Le Moyne, 711; Saint Mary's, 711.

Top Finisher: Joanna Deeter, Notre Dame (17:39)

Xavier Finishers: 101-Blanche Fisher, 20:34; 110-Laura Edwards, 20:51; 132-Jan Feichtner, 21:20; 148-Rachael Napolitano, 22:05; 153-Katie Bergman, 22:14; 160-Jennifer Buckley.

Men's Cross Country
National Catholic Meet

Fri., Sept. 19

South Bend, IN
8K

Team Scores: Notre Dame, 16; Lewis, 117; Dayton, 157; DePaul, 185; Detroit, 190; Aquinas, 201; Siena Heights, 204; Holy Cross, 208; Duquesne, 229; Loras, 234; Marist, 267; Canisius, 303; Saint Louis, 337; Walsh, 356; Le Moyne, 432; Wheeling, 479; St. Bonaventure, 491; Bellarmine, 501; Xavier, 507; Scranton, 514; Saint Ambrose, 551; Marian College, 631; John Carroll, 652. Top Finisher: Ryan Shay, Notre Dame (24:53). Xavier Finishers: 54-Joe Burzynski, 27:15; 97-Randy Dublikar, 28:12; 102-Chris Germann, 28:25; 124-Dave Dickman, 28:58; Nick Boeing, 29:11.

Men's Tennis

Akron Invitational

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 19-21

Akron, OH

No. 1 Singles: Rd. 1: Roth (XU) def. Stricker (EMU) 6-3, 6-4; Rd. 2: Roth (XU) def. Woldt (RM) 7-6, 6-2; Championship: Roth (XU) def. Hill (YSU) 7-6, 6-2. **No. 2 Singles:** Rd. 1: Guaghan (XU) def. Williams (CSU) 6-0, 6-0; Rd. 2: Levin (DU) def. Guaghan 7-5, 6-3. **No. 3 Singles:** Rd. 1: Thompson (UD) def. Klekamp (XU); Rd. 2: Klekamp def. Dexter (RM) 6-2, 6-1. **No. 4 Singles:** Sitarski (UA) def. Garth (XU) 6-4, 6-3. Rd. 2: Garth def. Willoughby (DU) 2-6, 7-6. **No. 5 Singles:** Rajendran (XU) def. Fleeger (RM) 6-1, 6-0; Rd. 2: Rajendran def. Looney (CSU) 6-1, 6-7, 6-1; Championship: Kunkler (UA) def. Rajendran (XU) 6-4, 7-5. **No. 6 Singles:** Siddiqui (XU) def. Rohring (RM) 6-0, 6-2; Rd. 2: Earick (UA) def. Siddiqui 6-1, 6-0. **No. 1 Doubles:** Rd. 1: Roth/Gaughan (XU) def. Mayer/Willoughby (DU) 8-3; Rd. 2: Tabernik/Keckley (UD) def. Roth/Gaughan 8-5. **No. 2 Doubles:** Rd. 1: Klekamp/Bates (XU) def. Yauman/Weiss (YSU) 8-0; Rd. 2: Thompson/Necessary (UD) def. Klekamp/Bates 8-3. **No. 3 Doubles:** Rd. 1: Somers/Levin (DU) def. Rajendran/Cullen (XU) 8-0.

Lady Vols snap A-10 play up next

Xavier streak

By PETE HOLTERMANN

SPORTS EDITOR

The Musketeer women's soccer team dropped its first match of the season on Sunday to Tennessee in a 3-1 decision.

They have no time to dwell on it however, as two important matches loom in front of the Xavier squad this coming weekend.

On Friday, Xavier travels across town to battle the always tough Cincinnati Bearcats. The Atlantic 10 schedule opens for XU on Sunday as the Muskies head north to Dayton to battle the A-10 defending champion Flyers.

Sunday's loss was demoralizing for the Musketeers. The teams played an even first half, but an eight minute stretch with three Volunteer goals in the second frame buried Xavier.

Xavier held Tennessee in check in the first half, limiting the Volunteers to just two shots on goal. But in the second half, the Vols launched 10 shots, and connected on three of them.

Xavier's offense had its chances, unleashing 16 shots against UT's defense. The Muskies had no luck, however, with several shots hitting the posts or barely missing the goal.

XU did score first, getting on the board 15 minutes into the second half. Annette Gruber found her sister Amanda making a run toward the goal through the box. Annette turned and fed Amanda who popped the ball into the net.

Twelve short minutes later, Tennessee forward Debbie Markovich fielded a throw in and made a run down the sideline. She lofted a crossing pass to Kendyl Michner who put away to knot the score at one goal apiece.

Seven and a half minutes later, UT was on the board again thanks to a penalty kick from Michner. The Vols had beaten the Xavier defense, instigating the penalty. Michner launched a bullet past the Musketeer wall into the goal.

Tennessee added an insurance goal a minute later. Shayna Teutsch

headed in a corner kick from teammate Heather Handel.

Muskie head coach Dr. Ron Quinn was disappointed by the loss, and saw several things the Muskies could improve in their game. He pointed to ball possession as one of the biggest things his team needs to work on. "The balls coming out of the back were hard to retain possession of," he said.

Xavier used several different combinations in the back and midfields in the match, in part to make up for injuries. Defender Holly Grow is not quite yet back to full strength, although she did see more minutes against UT.

Senior midfielder Nora Kelley sat out the game with an ankle sprain she suffered on Friday in practice. Her playing and vocal presence was missed by the Muskies. "We had very little midfield rotation without Nora in the lineup," said Quinn.

He hopes this week of practice will yield Xavier's best line-up. "This week we will establish a line-up that we will go with for the rest of the season," he said.

Friday night's match against UC will offer little reprieve for Xavier. The last time XU defeated Cincinnati was in the 1990 season. Last year UC handed Xavier a 1-0 defeat.

Dayton ended Xavier's season prematurely last year. The Flyers were the last A-10 contest for the Muskies who entered the match with a 6-1 conference record.

UD handed Xavier a 3-1 loss, knocking the Musketeers out of a spot in the A-10 tournament. The Flyers went on to win the conference crown.

Revenge will definitely be on the mind of the Muskies on Sunday afternoon. "Dayton will really set the tone for the conference matches this season," said Quinn.

Dayton has returned all 11 starters from last year's championship squad. So far this season, the Flyers have gone undefeated while picking up seven wins.

Xavier will take on the Flyers at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Dujan Field on Dayton's campus.

By STEVE SMITH

DIVERSIONS EDITOR

The Xavier men's soccer team dropped their second consecutive road match and third consecutive game overall on Sunday in a 2-0 decision at the hands of the Evansville Purple Aces.

The Muskies' record falls to 2-4-1 as they struggle to find the form that earned them a 2-1-1 open to the season. Heading into Atlantic 10 play tonight, Xavier looks to regain their powerful scoring attack that netted 11 goals in the first four games of the season, but has only managed two during the losing streak.

Xavier head coach Jack Hermans feels that the solution is simple.

"We're not scoring. All we have to do is put the ball in the back of the net and we'll be right back in there," said Hermans.

The Musketeers couldn't produce a goal on Sunday in their 2-0 loss to the University of Evansville Purple Aces, but did show some signs of improvement.

The Purple Aces scored their first goal in the final minute of the first half when Marshall Ray scored on a header off a free kick.

Evansville added their second goal in the 57th minute when Josh Feigl beat Xavier goalie Paul Wessling to make the score 2-0.

Despite the loss, the Muskies played a very even game. Evansville outshot XU 11-10, both teams had 13 fouls, and the Muskies had four corner kicks to the Purple Aces three. Junior Chas Cooke lead the Muskies with four shots.

"We've played these last three games against 'Top 20' caliber teams," said Hermans. "And we've gone into each game thinking we could play with these teams and we have. We just haven't been able to score and obviously when you don't score it's awfully hard to win."

The Muskies battle A-10 and backyard rival Dayton tonight at 7 p.m. at Corcoran Field in Xavier's A-10 opener.

Dayton returns 15 letterwinners from last year's 7-10-1 squad. UD is also under the direction of a new coach, Jim Launder.

Launder is in his first campaign with the Flyers. He came to Ohio after a very successful stint as the head coach at the University of Wisconsin. In 1995, Launder directed the Badgers to a NCAA Championship.

The Flyers come into the match with a 3-2-1 record and a 3-0 victory over the Musketeers last season. The teams have met a total of 25 times, and the schools have split the matches 12-12-1.

"We have a goal to go to the tournament," said Hermans. "And we still plan on achieving that goal. The guys haven't lost any confidence. They just know what we have to do, and when we start scoring, I think you'll start to see us win games."

Xavier has another non-conference game on its slate on Friday night when the Ohio State Buckeyes visit Corcoran Field. The match will kick off at 7 p.m.

The Muskies then hit the road for more conference play. They won't be back at Corcoran Field until Oct. 17, when they will battle the Rhode Island Rams.

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DIVERSIONS

Samples blast off

BY STEVE SMITH
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

Three are numerous stories *The Samples* can tell to describe the current stage they are in. But none is more fitting than lead singer Sean Kelly's version.

"I look at it like the stage of a rocket that is going somewhere," said Kelly. "And a part of it fell off, so to an extent that rocket is going even faster now, it's propelling a little bit better. It got rid of a stage it needed to get rid of, to get to this point, by it's own choice."

Kelly's rocket analogy is in reference to changes that have taken place in the last six months to *The Samples* lineup.

Former drummer Jeep MacNichol and keyboardist Al Laughlin left the band following a nine year, six album stint that saw the group go through a national

surgance that was sometimes crippled by the bands personal problems.

"Jeep decided stylistically to leave and Al was a serious liability and that was a big pain," said Kelly. "Now we've lightened the load and have a few new crew members."

So, where does that leave *The Samples*?

It leaves them with three new crew members and a full tour in support of their new double CD "Transmissions from the Sea of Tranquility."

The new line-up includes Kelly on guitar and bassist Andy Sheldon as the mainstays and newcomers Alex Matson on keyboards, Kenny James on drums, and Rob Somers (who served as the bands tour manager the last few years) playing guitar.

The new CD features 27 tracks of newly recorded live, studio, and "private rehearsal" songs from

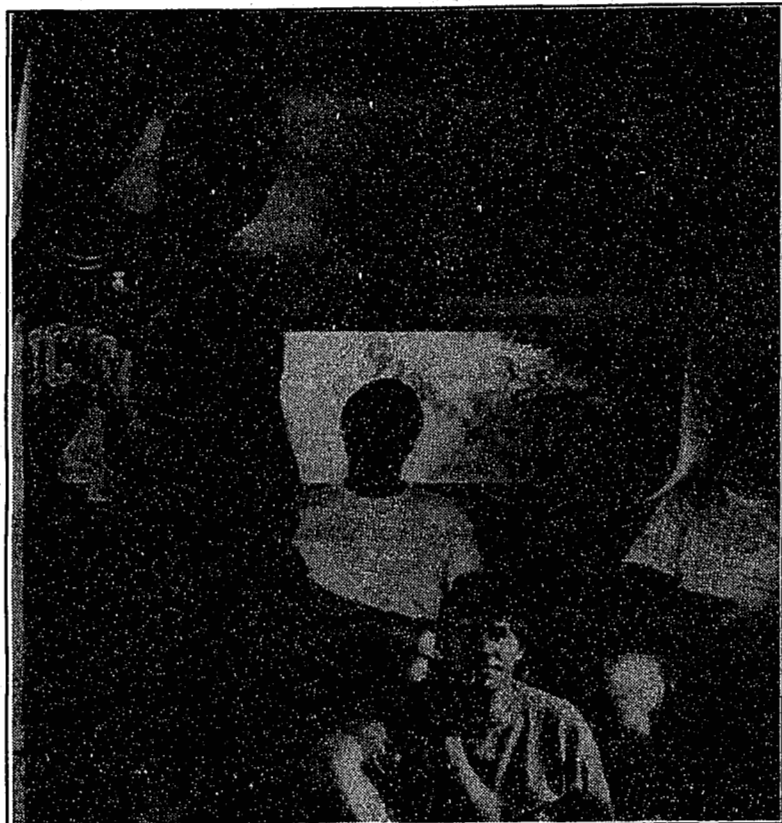
throughout the band's career. Included are four new or previously unreleased songs.

The disc was recorded just five days after the band first got together and some of the songs are even first takes with the new members playing the tunes for the first time.

With the new additions, *The Samples* have become a deeper, more diverse band that has stuck to its roots, as was evident in their stage show at Bogart's on Saturday.

A newfound energy delivered a genuine rock show as Kelly and the boys jammed their way through a two hour set. Between rockers like the new "Sacred Stones", or the classic "Little Silver Ring" and capturing the packed house with acoustic ballads like "Indiana", *The Samples* have returned with a vengeance.

The "new" *Samples* not only come clean with a refreshed sound,



file photo

The Samples take a bus ride.

they also display a new attitude. They have fun making music again. Whether it be in an interview, sound check, during a show, or in a post show meet and greet, smiles and laughs abound.

"Last year was a rough time

for all of us," said Kelly. "But right now, I'm seeing things clearer than ever. Music isn't a source of worry for me anymore. We're all much more focused in each of our lives, and that lets the music come through us easier than ever."

'Confidential' crime and corruption



file photo

Kevin Spacey takes a call in "L.A. Confidential."

BY DAN FUREY

DIVERSIONS WRITER

Welcome to L.A. in the 1950s. A town full of underlying corruption and mainstream glamour. "L.A. Confidential" mixes the stories of a growing city's impropriety with the glitz and charm of Hollywood. All wrapped up in this is the L.A.P.D. and three distinct police officers.

Jack Vincennes (Kevin Spacey) is a smooth talking celebrity cop that nabs the stars for all to see. He works alongside Sid Hudgens (Danny DeVito), who is the editor of the celebrity tell-all magazine *Hush Hush*.

Hudgens gets the "hot tip" on where the late night celebrity reefer party is or who's involved in a sex scandal. Vincennes then is paid off to nab the celebrities and take the credit for himself (allowing Hudgens to get the first pictures and article).

Ed Exley (Guy Pearce) is a highly ambitious police officer on

the rise. Despised by his colleagues, he'll push people out of his way to get what he wants. Early in the film, Exley shows his true character as he rats out his colleagues for a promotion.

In direct contrast to Exley is detective Bud White (Russell Crowe). White is a tough-guy cop who has a sore spot for criminals and a soft spot for women. On a few occasions he takes justice into his own hands against rapists and women beaters.

All three officers are trying to solve a diner massacre case under the watchful eye of their pragmatic boss, Capt. Dudley Smith (James Cromwell).

As the officers become increasingly involved, the once open and shut case becomes a gateway into police and city government corruption. Using their different methods of detective work, they uncover one piece of evidence after another that re-opens the case.

Tied into the story is a myste-

rious and beautiful call girl, played by Kim Basinger. Officers White and Exley both find themselves falling in love with her as she becomes involved in the case.

This all sounds a bit confusing, but it runs relatively smooth. Screenwriters Brian Koppelman and Curtis Hanson do a wonderful job keeping the stories straight and adapting James Ellroy's very complex novel.

Besides it's original plot, "L.A." delivers on its cast. Kevin Spacey gives his usual stellar performance that is reminiscent of a Humphrey Bogart character. Guy Pearce and Russell Crowe (both Australian new-comers to American movies) light up the screen with breakthrough performances.

Also contributing to the film are an array of stunning visual effects, making "L.A. Confidential" a must-see. After a very disappointing summer for thrillers, "L.A." is a strong catalyst for the fall movie season.

New Releases

The following albums will be in stores Tuesday:

Bob Dylan, Time Out of Mind (Columbia)... **Green Romance Orchestra** (featuring ex-Pearl Jam drummer Dave Abbruzzese), Play Parts I & V (Emperor Norton)... **Hall & Oates**, Marigold Sky (Push)... **Loverboy**, Six (CMC International)... **Paul McCartney**, Standing Stone (EMI)... **The RBL Posse**, An Eye For An Eye (Big Beat/Atlantic)... **Tony Rich Project**, This World of the Butterfly (LaFace/Arista)... **The Rolling Stones**, Bridges to Babylon (Virgin)... **Sash!**, It's My Life (London)... **The Samples**, Live Transmissions from the Sea of Tranquility (W.A.R.?)... **Various Artists**, Stone Country (Beyond/Tommy Boy)... all dates are tentative.

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Diversions highly recommends that you grab your laundry and head down to Sudsy's to check out this local talent. Oh yeah, the trio of *Zaxxon* consists of three (imagine that) Xavier boys. So, put on your blue and white and go root for the good guys. We approve.

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In Your Ear

A barrage of CD reviews to deafen the mind...



M.C. Breed Flatline (Wrap)



M.C. Breed sounds most effective when he's rapping over a midtempo beat with very little melodic garnish (a simple bass and keyboard line). His blunt, every-man voice works perfectly in said situation.

However, when Breed tries dabbling in some of the quicker rapping styles and denser instrumentation, he falls short.

His voice gets lost next to an overpowering gospel chorus. Thankfully, such experiments are few on this album, and the rest is good, minimalist hip hop.

-Mark Donahue
Diversions Writer

Matador Records What's Up Matador? Compilation (Matador)

It is a fine day when one can walk into a record store and find a great double disc compilation by an underrated record label. It becomes an ever better day when that disc is priced at only \$9, which is the price the label suggests it should retail. Now who can argue with that?

"What's Up Matador" was an idea by Matador Records in response to the overwhelming amount of mail they received asking, "What's Up?" One of their roster musicians, Clay Tarver of *Chavez*, came up with the idea of making an instructional video to introduce the label to all those who do not know Matador. This idea led to the creation of the well orchestrated double CD.

The first disc is a compilation of all the "greatest hits" of the Matador Artists. It starts off with the melodically hypnotizing "Tom Courtenay" by *Yo La Tengo*, brings the listener through Matador's Bread-and-Butter artists *Pavement*, *Liz*

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Falling over the 'Edge'

By DAVE CAPPELLETTY
FILM CRITIC

Anthony Hopkins is one of the best actors to grace the silver screen. It seems that almost every film he stars in receives critical acclaim and captivates an audience.

Hopkins has worked with some of the best directors in the business, from David Lynch ("The Elephant Man") to Francis Ford Coppola ("Bram Stoker's Dracula") to even Oliver Stone ("Nixon.") He has received several Academy Award nominations, and even won one for his performance in "Silence of the Lambs."

On the other hand, Alec Baldwin does not have the success rate that Hopkins does. His films are usually painful to watch, let alone enjoy. Every once in a while, he manages to show solid acting talent ("The Hunt for Red October" and "Glengarry Glen Ross,") but for every one of these, there are numerous failures ("The Shadow," "The Juror," "The Getaway," etc.)

Oddly enough, these two actors are paired up in the new thriller, "The Edge." Hopkins stars as Charles Morse, a billionaire "bookworm" with everything he ever wanted, including a super model wife, Mickey (played by Elle Macpherson.) Baldwin, is Robert Green, a professional photographer



file photo

Alec Baldwin (left) and Anthony Hopkins peer over a log.

who, every chance he can, tries to gain the affections of Morse's beautiful wife.

The film begins as Charles, Mickey, Bob, and their entourage head up to a remote location up north for a photo shoot, as well as to celebrate Charles' birthday.

After a night of celebration, Bob decides that he needs a "man of character" to enliven his session.

He discovers a picture of a Native American holding a gun, and decides to head off into the wilderness to find this man taking Charles and his assistant Stephen (Harold Perrineau of "William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet") with him.

As they travel to find the elusive character, continued on page 12

THE SCENE

Attention naturalists/ movie buffs!!!! From Oct. 18 through Nov. 14, two **Omnimax** movies will be running simultaneously. *Alaska* will be shown daily at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. *Whales* will be featured at all other showings. The new Cincinnati Museum Center hours are: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* will be performed in one-hour Opera Overtures for **FREE**. Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at Amos Memorial Public Library; Sunday, Oct. 12 at 5 p.m. at Books & Company, Town & Country; Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at Waldenbooks, Fairfield Commons Mall; Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at John Bryan Community Center; Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble (2619 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.).

WANT FREE CANDY AND AN EXCUSE TO DRESS UP LIKE A FREAK? No, it's not time for yearbook photos, yet, it's the Cincinnati Museum Center's **Boofest '97**. (Oct. 3-29) Come and enjoy a ride on the Eerie Express, a haunted soda shop, and a carnival—complete with face painting and temporary tattoos (YES!).

Are you a *Beatles* fan? Well, me too. But the closest we're ever going to get to John is **Yoko Ono**, and it just so happens that she will be taking visitors at the **Contemporary Arts Center** throughout her exhibition **Sept. 6- Nov. 2**. This is her first artistic exhibition

in Cincinnati, so put on an Abbey Road T-shirt, crank up "The White Album", and head on down.

Also at the CAC **Sept. 6-Nov. 9**... Does seduction sound appealing? Well, that's exactly what the 99 paintings of **Laurie Hogin, Fred Stonehouse, and Thomas Woodruff** promise. Winged devils, fruit men (?), and overgrown antlers set the scene for an exhibition of brilliant colors and mutated predatory animals. (I bet they'd make wicked black light posters.) \$3.50 admission to both Yoko and the three surrealists.

Wish that you could play the piano? Forget it; it is much easier to go hear someone else who already knows what they are doing. That is where **pianist Franklin Larey** picks up your slack. (And I heard you were a slacker, too, so don't try to deny it.) He has performed with the Cape Town Philharmonic in his native South Africa, so I bet he is really good. He will perform for a small fee (\$15) at the Taft Museum on **Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m.**

Oct. 17-18, at The Contemporary Dance Theatre, the **Liz Lerman Dance Exchange** will perform. This multi-generational and multi-ethnic company from Washington, D.C. is in Cincinnati for a three-week residency. All you wall-flowers can sit back comfortably and watch *someone else* break it down without feeling rejected or threatened. Kind of a nice feeling, eh? Select-A-Seat 721-1000.

-compiled by Lauren Mosko
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September 24

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"Fly Dayton, fly. Go back to where you came from. You are not worthy of XU's Corcoran Field." That is just part of what all of us men's soccer fans will be yelling after the 7 p.m. game against the Flyers. Sorry, no t-shirts available at this game.

Those Dayton people just don't understand. We're going to send their volleyball team back the same way as the soccer team, by kicking their butts. Same time, different place (as if they play volleyball on a soccer field). Both teams need your support, so hope you practiced being at two places at once. The Blue Blob will be showing off "its" new moves in Schmidt Fieldhouse.

thursday

September 25

I scream. You scream. We all scream. Whoever is screaming should stop screaming and just head to the mall for some ice cream. Obviously you need to cool off. O.C.S. will provide ice cream to all of those that need to chill on the mall from 1-3 p.m. No, it is not too cold for ice cream. According to the book of Shannon, it's never too cold for ice cream.

Xavier's Trio, *Zaxxon* will be showing off everything they ever learned while here, at Sudsy Malone's at 10 p.m. Watch them hook up with *Fudgie* and *Fu Fu* while you do laundry for the month and tip a few glasses of your poison. According to Steve, Mark is not only a great Diversions writer and nice guy, but also a hell of a musician. So, join the rest of our staff as we support our fellow Xavier writers and disinfect our outer wear.

The OMNIMAX Theatre is opening its new show. Take a trip to the bottom of the ocean with all of the fishies in search of mysterious marine mammoths in *Whales*. It's playing until February, so you have time, but don't forget in the midst of your busy schedule. This is a must see for everyone, including you.

friday

September 26

Those wild guys on the soccer team love to play at Corcoran Field. They love it so much that they asked OSU to come kick the ball around a little at 7 p.m. If only our little Buckeye friends knew what they were getting themselves into. If you're lucky, the Blue Blob will do a little dance for you.

Support the AVOC and AIDS WALK at Party at Pendleton. Music, food, beer, and wine will be available to you from 6-10 p.m. Donations would be appreciated, so give a little of yourself for a good cause. Red Ribbons not required, but most likely provided.

Let's see how many weekends we can go without throwing someone out the window!! This could be two in a row.

saturday

September 27

Men's soccer alumni are back in town and they think they're as good as before. No need to worry because our current men's team will prove them wrong in the Alumni Scrimmage at 7 p.m. Don't let those old men push you around guys, we have faith in you.

Women's tennis will be swinging some rackets over at U.C. No, they aren't getting in a fight, though that would be a great scene. They just have a cross town match. Whether it be a match or a fight, they could use our support on the enemy's turf.

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If running races isn't for you, head on over to Ludlow for the Clifton Fall Festival. From 10 a.m.-10 p.m., you can ride ponies like you did as a youngster, learn origami so you have something to do during class, or watch the performing arts and wonder if you would ever be able to do that. Another option would be to stop in at Pizzeria Uno's for beer and wine tasting. So, there is something for everyone.

Never been to Mt. St. Joe's, right? Well, why the hell would you go there? Finally, you have a reason—*Over the Rhine*. Go west my friend to listen to this great band that befriends Xavier's elite.

The Mighty Ducks are playing at the Gardens. No stupid, they're not filming another movie about a bunch of twerps. It's Cincinnati's new hockey team, and we dare you to call them twerps to their faces. If you don't know where the Gardens is, go to the joint where you watch XU men's basketball. Or, don't you remember where that is?

sunday

September 28

Teresa Walters has mastered the piano after many years of hard work. It is her pleasure to take the the Xavier University Center Theatre stage as part of the Classical Piano series. Teresa will begin at 2:30 p.m. and give you a performance that you will spend hours discussing with your peers. So come and hear the piano like never before.

The monkeys aren't gone forever. We took them to the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens. You can visit the *NewsWire* monkeys when you go to the Harvest Festival. Along with Calender Man's monkeys, you can watch the Hank Peter Lumberjack Show. If you survive that entertainment, stay for some Appalachian and Cajun music and the craft fair. The monkeys' visitation hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. They can't wait to see all of you that miss them so much. Jay will be there!

Yes, Cincinnati has a NFL team. It probably won't be seeing the Superbowl anytime before our covocation center is built, but they will be playing the Jets, who are from New York, at 1 p.m. Even better, they'll be at Cinergy Field. The great thing about them is that you can go to the game so you don't have to deal with all of the commercials, or people coming into your room while you are trying to watch.

Head on out to Annie's for the original Saturday Night Fever. Have trouble discoing all night long? No need to worry, drinks are only \$1. Now, that's the way I like it.

monday

September 29

Finish your homework early so you can join your friend that has a big screen T.V. for Monday night football. San Francisco will be at Carolina for another fun-filled night of guys running after a small, oblong, leather object while looking bulky from all of their padding.

tuesday

September 30

Service Learning Info sessions will be held at 3 p.m. in the Regis Room. So, if you want an experience similar to Elizabeth's and Julia's in Nicaragua, or Andy's and Bridget's in Over-the-Rhine, make an appearance at the meeting. It'll change your views on life.

Wondering why Tavern "Inn the Woods" was voted Xavier's best bar? It's probably those \$.25 drafts that they practically pour down your throat. Don't miss out on all of the Xavier excitement over on U.C.'s campus.

Go around and read anything you can to find stupid but interesting facts. Then, in the middle of an intellectual conversation about the effects of the French Revolution on the quality and service offered by restaurants, interrupt with your unique facts. Yes, your peers will think you are rude for cutting in while they are speaking, but they will also be amazed by the diverse knowledge that you hold in your brain.

Before it gets too cold outside, go for a walk, but not by yourself please. It would be horrible if your abduction was a Security Note of the Week. Oh, and remember not to buy any ice cream from the ice cream truck that is driving 65 mph at 2 a.m. Your stomach will thank you for not digesting ice cream that late right before you lay down to sleep.

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Ear

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Phair, and *The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion*, finally culminating with the sounds of the "old" alternative band, *Guided By Voices* with "Motor Away." The second disc consists of 20 unreleased songs by most of the artists on the first disc.

These two discs are a collector's and a fan's dream. They truly bring you into the Matador family. Sure there are a few songs, even a few bands, on this album that could be removed, but that is the basis for just about any compilation

- not everything is good, i.e. *Unsane* and the *Pizzicato Five*. It seems that the best music on this album comes not from the major bands, but smaller bands like *Spoon* and *Tobin Sprout*. But needless to say the *Yo La Tengo* and *Pavement* are quite good as well. One cannot beat the quality and great music for the price.

-Dave Cappelletty
Diversions Writer

Breedlove ReachOut (Voyager)

I don't like the kind of music that *Breedlove* plays, but I will ac-

knowledge that they do it well.

It's a mishmash of many styles, with the hook being a guitar or piano riff. The problem, for me, is that this riff is usually a weak retread of either blues, funk, folk, or jazz.

Breedlove is really killing the impact of these styles with their referential songwriting. They're selling their music and themselves short by mellowing out fiery styles of music into a folky, faux-grimacing malaise.

-Mark Donahue
Diversions Writer

The 'Edge'

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sive figure, the sea plane is engulfed by a flock of migrating birds. This unfortunate encounter destroys the propellers of the plane forcing it to nose-dive and eventually crash into the frigid waters of the north. The three men are officially stranded in the middle of nowhere with nothing but their wits, a few flares, and matches to keep them alive.

"The Edge" is a fairly entertaining movie. There is a great contrast between the extremely knowledgeable Charles, and the unenthusiastic Bob.

Even though they have their obvious differences, especially Bob's desire to attain Charles' wife, they realize that they have to rely on each other to survive the wilderness, and the numerous encounters with a Kodiak bear (played by Bart the Bear from the international hit "The Bear" and "Legends of the Fall.")

There is one big problem with this movie, and it involves the unfortunate plot twist at the very end. I will not go into detail, for the obvious reason that I do not want to pull a Homer Simpson and reveal

the end to every film, but it is so trite and predictable that it ends up tainting the whole picture.

Screenwriter David Mamet ("The Untouchables") creates a great tale of distress and unity that is good up until the ultimate climax. It was there that I began to lose interest in the film.

Anthony Hopkins plays Charles Morse perfectly, and oddly enough, Alec Baldwin pulls off a decent performance, as the whiny, lazy photographer. The true star of the movie was Bart the bear, whose action sequences truly made the movie worth watching.

The other principal benefit to the motion picture was the scenery. Not since I saw the Scottish Highlands of the movie "Highlander" have I enjoyed such beauty in the landscape. The woodlands of the unspecified north create a perfect setting that encaptures the viewer.

"The Edge" is not a true first-rate thriller as the television trailers call it, but it has enough to it that it is definitely worth seeing in the theater.



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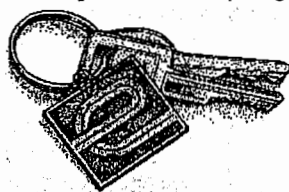
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